

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A Japanese letter input device is disclosed.
comprises A direction designation unit 10 includes a
stick or pointer 11 movable from center position C0 to
5 any one of 12 circumferentially spaced-apart direction 28
designation positions C1 to C12. Direction
designation unit is capable of outputting position data
upon detection of a position reached by the pointer 11.
A data processing unit 20 selects a particular letter
10 and outputs a code thereof according to a change in the 44
output of the direction designation unit. A memory 21
stores process programs to be executed by the data
processing unit. A display unit 30 displays letters
outputted by the data processing unit and also other
15 displays concerning the operations of the device. The 43
data processing unit 20 determines a consonant when the
pointer 11 is moved from the center position C0 to one
of the direction designation positions C1 to C12,
selects a vowel when the pointer is then
20 circumferentially moved, and determines and inputs a 43
letter when the pointer is then returned to the center
position C0. A determining key 5 may be provided for
determining a consonant and a vowel. 26